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Dear David,

Please ~~xxxxx~~ excuse the haste. I've just finished a chpater and I've a few minutes before I go to pick my wife up. I'll read you piece as soon as I can, but what I must read, including court documents, is stacked. High.

I haven't freelanced since before military service in World War II. It is much different and I deal with real taboos only.

When my opinions of people are asked, I answer sincerely but always in the expectation it is confidential. I like Bud personally, think he is a maniac on this subject, but am without doubt of his sincerity. I know Prouty slightly only. My impression is that he is or acts as though he is the military's answer to the CIA.

Garrison's part of the case? Fiction, man. Deep thinking alchemized into pseudofact.

He not only never did any real investigating, neither he nor any of his staff were competent to investigate outside police norms. When they weren't chasing they were looking for wild geese so they could chase.

I don't know Lund but I know Bob Brown. He has a CIA book of his own he won't publish. They could do nothing with anything like my stuff. But thanks.

FOI: filed fours suits so far. I never file a suit in which I can lose, if you can follow this reasoning. In the first, as you'll see, I got a summary judgement. Spectro is second. Third I was pro se and got what I wanted so the case was dismissed. Fourth refused, about to be appealed. May file again any day. This last one figured in Senate debates yesterday and is responsible for the amending of the pending bill.

Biggest screwing from Dell. Publishers Frame-Up tried and succeeded but after some years, after Dutton bought them, got decent settlement. Meredith (The Weight of the Evidence) printed a chapter not contracted for, or plagiarized, and never paid for the two small chapters excerpted. Never apid for some Europeans subsidiary uses. Etc. Plus wholesalers.

I know and like Wayne Chastain personally, read the Computers stuff, don't believe it, know his Jack Armstrong is Jack Youngblood (The Devil to Pay one) and separately from Wayne know he was then in Memphis. With more than 500,000 others. No reason to connect him with job. And Wayne's reasoning doesn't stack.

Thanks for the kind words. Never dealt with Tatler. Met Kerr in Dallas, have read several of his recent piece and they stink. Also factually what you'd expect of that kind of sheet. He interviewed me when he was with WBAP. Their special editon was unsullied hokum. The Carr story is partly fiction.

If it is sensational and irresponsible enough they'll go for it!

I didn't realize what you meant by the publisher question. If it is who broke the Whitewash contract, he is now ~~xxx~~ out of business. Ivan Obolensky. He had just published Patton then.

Best regards,